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ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTION IN GANGA RIVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the Ganga sanitation project ;

(b) whether the Union Government and the State Governments a s well are contemplating to work together to check the growing pollution in Ganga river; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRINAMO NARAH 4 MEENA)

(a)to(c) The first attempt of the Government to check the growing pollution in Ganga river was the launching of Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Phase-I in 1985.This was undertaken in 25 towns spread over the States of Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal and completed in the year 2000. Under this phase 261 projects have been sanctioned,out of which 259 projects were completed and a sewage treatment capacity of 865 mid. was created to check the pollution in Ganga river.The Ganga Action Plan was extended as GAP Phase-1T in 1993 with works in 59 towns spre ad over the States of Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. Under this Phas,e, 227 numbers of projects have been sanctioned, out of which 60 have been completed upto September 2005. The details of the projects sanctioned under the two phases of `3anga Action Planate enclosed in the Annexure.